

January 9, 1974

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Petition of Platt Water Company, Inc.,)
for approval of a schedule of water) DOCKET NO. 17,242
and sewerage rates in Deerfield Plantation) ORDER NO. 17,342✓
Subdivision, Horry County, South Carolina.)

TO: PLATT WATER COMPANY, INC.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission received a Petition from Platt Water Company, Inc., for approval of a schedule of rates for water and sewerage service in Deerfield Plantation Subdivision, Horry County, South Carolina, a plat of which is on file in this Commission's office.

According to accounting exhibits relating to the Petition, the Utility will have a total plant investment of \$1,416,599.10, of which \$532,910.20 is for the water system to serve 1,000 customers and \$883,688.90 is for the sewerage system and will serve 1,000 customers. The Utility has a Bond in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars on file with this Commission in accordance with Section 58-149 of the 1962 Code of Laws, as amended.

After review of the Petition and all the facts presented, the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the rate schedule as proposed should not be approved at this time and therefore should be denied. The Commission further finds that it is in the public interest that certain temporary rates and charges should be granted this Utility, pending a public hearing on the merits of this Petition. The Commission has made this finding so as to allow customers of the Utility to begin using the service of this Utility while this matter is pending for full and final determination subsequent to a public hearing which will be held on March 7, 1974, at which time testimony and evidence can be received to determine the justification of the proposed rates and charges. To find otherwise would place a hardship on customers of the Utility in that such customers would be unable to utilize such service should the Commission not allow temporary rates as granted herein. The Commission hereby determines that the following rates and charges should be approved on a temporary basis:

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APPROVED TEMPORARY RATE SCHEDULE

WATER - RESIDENTIAL

First 3,000 Gallons --- \$ 6.00 Minimum Charge
Next 2,500 Gallons ---- \$.90 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 5,500 Gallons ---- \$.80 per 1,000 Gallons
Tap Fee for 3/4" line - \$250.00

WATER - COMMERCIAL

First 5,000 Gallons ---- \$ 10.00 Minimum Charge
Next 10,000 Gallons ---- \$ 1.00 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 85,000 Gallons ---- \$.50 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 600,000 Gallons --- \$.30 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 700,000 Gallons --- \$.25 per 1,000 Gallons
Tap Fee for 3/4" line -- \$250.00

SEWERAGE - RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

80% of water service charge
Tapping Fee ----- \$300.00

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

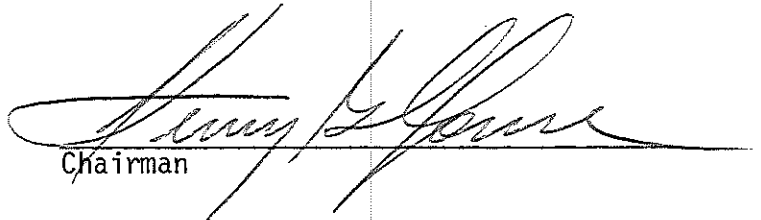
1. That the rates and charges proposed in the Petition are hereby denied until the public hearing is held on March 7, 1974, and final Order rendered by this Commission.
2. That the rates and charges set forth above are hereby approved on a temporary basis and may be charged by the Utility as of the date of this Order until the public hearing is held on March 7, 1974, and a final Order rendered by this Commission.
3. That the Utility shall publish its proposed rate schedule as shown on its Petition, at its own expense in a newspaper of general coverage in the area affected, once a week for three consecutive weeks stipulating that a public hearing will be held before the Commission in Room 704, Owen Building, 1321 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina, on Thursday, March 7, 1974, at 10:30 A. M. in order for all interested parties to be heard. Proof of publication of this Notice shall be presented prior to or at the Hearing.
4. That all books and records for the Utility's water operations shall be maintained in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for Class A & B Water Utilities as adopted by this Commission.


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5. That all books and records for the Utility's sewerage operations shall be maintained in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for Class A & B Water Utilities, as adopted by the Commission, to the extent applicable as a guideline, until such time that a Uniform System of Accounts is adopted for Sewerage Utilities.

6. That the Commission continues jurisdiction of the Docket until further notice.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:

Ass't. Director-Administrative Services
(SEAL)